

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/716,586
Applicant: Gordon K. Dennis
Filed: November 19, 2003
Title: PROTECTIVE COVER FOR LOCKING DEVICES
T.C./A.U.: 3673
Examiner: Lloyd A. Gall
Confirmation No.: 6289
Docket No.: 182531-0004 (formerly HMC-130US)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Having filed an accompanying Request for Continued Examination (“RCE”), the Applicant submits the following response and preliminary amendment relating to the Final Office Action dated November 17, 2008, which finally rejected each of pending claims 1 through 12 and 14 through 16.

- ☒ A three month extension of time is requested to extend the time for response to the final Office Action to and through **May 17, 2009**. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. **50-2951** in the amount of **\$1,110.00**. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment of fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. **50-2951**.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page _____ of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page _____ of this paper and include enclosed replacement sheet(s).
- ☐ **Amendments to the Abstract** are on page _____ of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is enclosed.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.